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1. Beginning at 0300 on 24 October the 2nd Guards Mechanized Division, Soviet Forces in Hungary, normally stationed in Kecskemet 50 miles south of Budapest moved to the capital. The urgency of the move was evidenced by [REDACTED] the operators, instructions to increase speed, and position reporting.

2. [REDACTED] this division revealed orders to use force and fire with cannon to dispel the rioters. Subordinate commanders were ordered to report casualties.

3. On the morning of 24 October a detached element of the 32nd Mechanized Division, Soviet Independent Mechanized Army in Rumania, moved from their garrison in Timisoara, Western Rumania.

4. Later, the 2nd Guards Mechanized Division in Hungary was informed that the "comrades from Rumania have arrived" -- an apparent reference to the Soviet element from Rumania. [REDACTED] the possible

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presence of this group in Szekesfehervar, Hungary, probable headquarters of Soviet forces in Hungary.

5. Six Moscow-based military transports normally associated with VIP flights were observed in flight to Hungary on 24 October, one of which went on to Belgrade. Two of these aircraft had flown Soviet leaders to Warsaw on the 19th.

6. Quiet was reported in some sectors of Budapest by the end of the day, but it was apparent that hostilities continued in late evening of the 24th.

7. A unit of the 8th Hungarian Rifle Division, normally stationed in Keszthely, was ordered to destroy barricades and to use force to stop the rioting.